

"Age" To Change Format Owing to "Hard Times"

★ An error in dates, made in the last issue, re the Crescent Lodge property, should be corrected. Mr. and Mrs. Roper Galloway left their home in Gladstone to reside in Wpg. about 1919, not 1926 as intimated. See account of her death in the Spt. 28th issue for 1922 in "The Glory Years." Mr. Galloway died in Nov. 1924.

★ Also in the Dec. 6th issue of this pamphlet our "guess" that the "mover" & "seconder" of the banquet "petition" was only half right. Mr. Bailey's vitriolic letter in the Dec. 20th portion stamps him as the man that editor Moodie wouldn't mind seeing in "Abraham's bosom"; not Mr. Herron. Thus it was Mr. Bailey, who along with Moodie and others had taken the pledge a few years earlier to quit drinking, had quite evidently fallen off the wagon. Oh, those glimpse into history that the old "Ages" reveal!

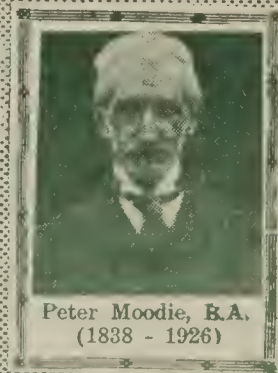
★ This issue completes the first year of a fond, but perhaps too ambitious effort to publish all the Moodie papers up to the end of 1889. We purpose carrying on for a time at least, and even are toying with expanding in some directions, perhaps at the expense of the old, old pictures, which are not being contributed with anywhere near the enthusiasm anticipated. Too bad! But a one man effort such as this is, can only do so much. Even an organization of 20 avid workers would have difficulty doing even a fair job in contacting people and ferreting out these gems of bye-gone days.

★ So, to our 30 or more regular, paid-in-advance readers you can keep sending in your \$2.00 for perhaps another year at least. Also, we are pleased to inform you that subsequent issues will appear on the better paper - to heck with the extra postal costs.

★ The "Age" ends 1884 on a sad note of retrogression - it's going to reduce to a single sheet of 7 column width, front and back. It had evidently started out in May, 1883, with 4 pages of home print; then was reduced to four pages, two home print and two of "patent sheets" (as they called them); that is, the 2 inside pages were already printed by the suppliers. In 1885 they planned to dispense with the latter but still, evidently, continue with 2 pages of home print. Some "economy" of their own in hard times.

★ Let's hope this year of 1984 does not go down in history with temperatures prevailing in the 45 below range, like it was "100 Years Ago."

The Moodie Years — 1884 to 1890



Peter Moodie, B.A.
(1838 - 1926)

GLADSTONE

100 Years Ago

December 1884

SATURDAY
DECEMBER
6th

1884

SAT., DEC. 6th, 1884:

LOCALS

Au revoir, Mr. J. J. Herron.

The M. & N.W. survey party got in again this week.

Business took a number of our prominent men east this week.

The town has been working up to something of its old life this week.

Mr. A. Lockhart left today enroute for the Rockies.

Mr. Brien, cousin of Treasurer Morton, who has made a lengthened sojourn here, leaves for his English home today.

While out hunting at the Sand Hills last week, Mr. Beck, of Palestine, managed to secure a bear.

Mr. J. Hocken will leave for England on Tuesday. His Blake neighbors are giving him a party on Monday night by way of send-off which is to be held in Mr. Dickie's house.

Mr. Gallagher shipped another carload of cattle from this part this week.

The farmers' union are negotiating the sale of their wheat to the new syndicate.

Mr. P. Ferguson accompanied Mr. Findlay on a trip to the Riding Mountains Wednesday.

Mr. B. Willisroft, of this town took a trip east to see his mother last Saturday.

Rev. W. Murdin, Baptist minister, will preach in the Presbyterian church tomorrow evening at the usual hour.

The lessees of Brown's mill intend to keep it going night and day for a time, and to do this have secured the services of Mr. A. Gerow as second miller.

Mr. F. Blackmore went east to help his brother build the new Adelaide schoolhouse he has obtained the contract for.

Mr. Morton took in taxes to the amount of \$300 last Saturday, the reason being that it was the last day that discount was allowed. Last days are good institutions at that rate.

We notice that Mr. Wm. Davidson has arrived back to town. It shows his esthetic tastes are being cultivated in the right direction when he prefers this and its surroundings, to say nothing of the people here, to life in Winnipeg!

We were not aware that Mr. Frank Davidson had been so severely ill. We trust that the improvement in his state that has taken place will be as continuous as his many sympathizers would wish.

Remember the youngsters X-mas entertainment, for which great preparations are being made by their energetic teacher, Mr. Best. It comes off on Xmas eve. Further particulars shortly.

The following alphabetical disctich has been handed us for insertion. This can be said for it, perhaps there's more truth than poetry in it:

"A little more taffy for C.P.B.,
When he needs it he gets it
from C.C.C."

Mr. McLatchie's survey party have arrived in from Dauphin all in prime condition, giving one the impression that they had fared well. The only occurrence was the killing of a large bear at the mouth of its den.

No better weather could possibly be wished for than we have enjoyed this week. Balmy days and clear, cloudless moonlight nights sets Manitoba a few notches higher up than most places as an eligible place to live in. Wheat is up 5c a bushel into the bargain. Truly, prospects are brightening fast!

Mr. Wm. Burr has got up his bull from Mr. David Stewart. He is out of Prairie Queen, sired by Robin Hood. When down at Totogan he took a look at Lynch's stock, and was surprised at seeing cows that would turn the scale at 1,900 lbs. He has over 40 head of pedigreed stock, representing quite an amount of cash.

A farewell dance was given by Messrs. McNeill and McFadden last Thursday night in Andrews' hall, on the eve of their departure to Ontario. A large and enthusiastic party assembled, who tripped it to the light fantastic with evident relish till the early morn.

Threshing we may say is done for the season. They have had splendid weather, which accounts for their being done early. The crop has turned out good wherever the hail didn't strike. Grain is coming in now, but if we had some sleighing, it would make things a little more lively. The number "7" is evidently a cabalistic one, as it is said to repeat its weather records in this county, because wet spells, dry spells, snow spells, want of snow spells,

which we are now experiencing, all remind us of just seven yrs. ago. But perhaps we in this part may have a more special reason, seeing that we live in Palestine, the land of milk and honey; therefore we are a peculiar people, & take accordingly peculiar ways of doing our particular duties. ((The reference to "7 yrs. ago" can be substantiated by remarks of John D. McLaren who arrived in Gladstone on June 1st, 1877, who stated that when winter came it was so mild, and lacking snow, that he wondered if he had landed in Florida by mistake)).

The M. & N.W. railway is offering Mr. Oliver McCrae at the rate of \$3 per acre for the land the track takes off his farm.

Mr. Fraser, of Palestine, is teaching a singing class in Golden Stream school twice a week. Between 25 and 30 are attending. He talks about starting another in Silver Stream school. There can't be too much of that good thing through the winter months in all our settlements.

About a dozen of the Odd-fellows belonging to Gladstone Lodge swelled the band that went to Minnedosa on Monday for the agreeable duty of opening the tenth lodge in the province. Their high officials were in attendance, and the whole proceedings were most thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by our fellows, who appeared to wish not to lose the instruction the trip had afforded them.

Rev. Messrs. Bell, of Portage, McKellar, of High Bluff, & Todd, of Burnside, arrived by last Monday's train to fill their missionary meeting appointments here. Messrs. Bell and Todd proceeded to Golden Stream where they held a very successful meeting in the afternoon in the schoolhouse; Messrs. McKellar and Stalker taking the McGregor settlement meeting. An account of the Gladstone meeting will be found in another column.

Our friend, Mr. R. Nicol, of Golden Stream, was the means of furnishing some of his neighbors the other night with an amount of pleasurable excitement they don't often get, in the shape of a bear hunt, which happened in this wise. As he was going home from threshing he spied a little ahead what appeared to be a big black bear. To run back to Mr. Clayton's to borrow a gun and scare up a few neighbors to help in the chase was not a long proceeding. Behold then the crowd: one armed with a gun, one or two with their tobacco knives, a few with pitchforks, and one or two with the arms nature gave them, in hot haste after bruin, who, appearing to be "set on pilgrimage" was proceeding leisurely in a southerly direction towards a bluff he evidently meant to make his quarters for the night. As the valiant party, with hearts no doubt going at a few more to the minute, finally got up to and

were narrowing the circle round his lair, an unmistakable grunt intimated to their ears, as the aught of him did to their eyes, that they had been following up a big black pig! The likely outcome of this lively episode may be the presentation to Mr. R. of a pair of magnifying spectacles to extend the field of his vision, so as to take in and transform black pigs to black bears for his own and others' amusement. But, Bob, we would not like to put it past you, big Joker that you are, that you were putting up a job on your victims, who to be even with you, should have trundled you round a few times, instead of the bear, to get some satisfaction.

TOWN COUNCIL

The Council met last Wed. evening. Present: Mayor Claxton, Couns. McKelvy, Davidson and Andrews. D. Budge, sec.-treas.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Correspondence

From County treasurer anent coupons; from Drummond Bros. & Moffatt inquiring for a statement re debentures.

Accounts

P. Broadfoot, fixing approach to bridge, \$5; Thos. May, lumber, some boards for bridges, \$12.45; Moodie Bros., printing, \$57.50; expenses of mayor and sec.-treas., telegrams, registry search, etc., \$42.00; Thos. Hembroff, \$5.50. These accounts were referred to finance committee.

Motions

Andrews gave notice that he would introduce a by-law at next meeting to appoint returning officers.

The clerk said that \$900 of this year's taxes had been received; \$4,000 was yet to come in.

The council then adjourned to the 16th inst.

Editorial LIBELLOUS

We hasten to relieve (or die in the attempt) some words of ours from the torture to which they've been subjected to for the last week. What we stated in our last issue, on the authority of parties whose veracity we considered unimpeachable, we stick to.

That it fastens on either gentleman the charge of habitual drunkenness (which they wish to take out of it) we don't for a moment allow, because that would destroy the whole force of our use of their names.

The thought surging through our brain re this fetid business, which has come to be a chronic source of exasperation to everyone wishing well to this place, happening as it invariably does at some critical point in the political life of our member, finally took the shape of determining us to take no notice of it. And this was our intention up to the time that Mr. J. J. Herron, who had read the address presented to the hon. gentleman, presented himself at our office with the request that we give the motion due prom-

inence, which, in courtesy to them we did; and, in the interests of the county, added our own comments.

This motion, in bearing the names, was expected to carry all the sanction of two of the acknowledged most capable business men in our community, and was meant to exert commensurate influence to the public at large. Our object in holding up the mirror to nature was simply to nullify that effect by showing that the pair who moved that motion at 2 o'clock in the morning were not the two one would meet next morning in their drawing room, with cool heads and clear brains (prime requisites with them before tackling their own affairs), if they had business to transact in which they were interested. And if in their individual business this is the safe tactics they adopt, and thro' which they have earned the business reputation they bear, was it libellous for us, who, until a better man comes along, are looking after the infinitely greater public interests of the place, to show how what they did then was not worthy of any person, with an eye to his own and the county's interest, taking any stock in?

So far from meaning to charge the mover with being a drunkard: we were not aware till told next day of his exploits with bottles, that he had tasted a drop for a year, (for about that date a few of us swore off, some of whom, and among them we were reckoning him, have stuck to it). With regard to what was said about the seconder, all that we meant to convey, and all that any fair-minded person can take out of the words in their connection is, that not being a temperance man, when he finds himself in congenial company, it's his nature to enjoy himself, which every one acquainted with him knows to be a fact. And heterodox & paradoxical though it may sound to some people, any indulgence he allows himself in that direction, if it has any effect on his business capacity at all, appears only to have a sharpening effect.

Why we dropped upon this pair was, in the case of the former, that he was using his influence in a matter with which he had no concern one requisite of a gentleman being (which we have up to date regarded him as) that he mind his own business, for, having neither political stake nor status, but being only a sojourner here, requires him to keep his mouth sealed in matters of vital moment to our interests; in the case of the latter, that he was directly traversing his over and over again avowed convictions on the subject.

It makes more for the growth and good name of the place than some appear to be aware of, not so much perhaps, the kind of convictions its people possess as the tenacity with which, such as they are, they are stuck to. There cannot be much advance in either, where notoriously elastic once prevail, and that the absence or ad-

vent of one man should invariably have the power to turn so many right about face, almost tempts to the wish that for his own sake and more for our reputation he were transferred out of harm's way into Abraham's bosom. ((As the Nov. 29th paper is missing it is unlikely we'll ever know for sure just who the two gentlemen were that Editor Moodie felt compelled to "drop upon". But we'd hazard a guess that it was J. J. Herron, who had recently disposed of his business, and that peer of all merchants here, who had already in less than 4 yrs. established himself as such - Roper Galloway)).

((Editorial)) . . .

The platform that will carry our municipal elections this year is the economic one. The machine must be run as cheaply as possible till the dawn of better times, and ward appropriations for a year or two ought to be doomed.

In view of the near approach of election times, meetings, wherever necessary, should be held for the purpose of laying down a platform and selecting the candidates best qualified to carry it out.

Editorial . . .

We hail it as a good augury that more interest is being taken in election matters this year than usual. We hear of no contests in wards 1 and 2. In ward 3, Coun. McKenzie is to be opposed by Mr. Anderson. Ward 4, in the event of Coun. West standing for the reeveship, will require a new councillor. For ward 5, Mr. J. Broadfoot is in the field to oppose Coun. Ferguson. The names of Coun. Pool, D. McConnell, Nicholas McLean, & some Squirrel Creek men, are mentioned in connection with the representation of ward 6.

Though we hear of other names in connection with the reeveship, the contest will in all likelihood be between Reeve Smalley & Coun. West, an eastern against a western man.

THE REEVESHIP

The meeting called by request of ratepayers to see who is to be reeve for the ensuing year was held in Andrews' Hall last Mon. Mayor Claxton was called to the chair; J. Moodie, secretary.

The chairman, in opening the meeting, said that, as it was an informal meeting, what they did at it was not binding, as it had been called simply to get an expression as to the views of the electors whether they thought it necessary to have a new reeve or not. There was one thing he said should in these dull times be acted on; viz., economy. He did not think that there should have been any ward appropriation money spent, also that officials salaries should be cut down, as he considered them too high. We wanted men pledged to put their hands in their pockets and to keep them there. He would call upon any of

the delegates present to express the views of their wards.

Councillor Ferguson desired to say, in regard to the remarks made by the chairman about ward appropriations, that all his, with the exception of \$5.00, went to fixing bridges.

Mr. Rintoul had a grievance against the present council in not compelling the railway company to fence the line so as to keep cattle from destroying crops.

Mr. Pool said that the present council had done the best they could, and he did not think they should be found fault with.

Mr. Cory thought it would be more advisable to proceed to business, as it was only wasting time this desultory discussion.

Coun. McKenzie said he had done all he could to keep down expenses.

At the call of the chairman one of the delegates from Blake, Mr. Jamieson, said he, along with Mr. J. Duncan, was appointed to represent his ward.

Mr. R. Woods, from Pine Creek, said that, as they were threshing there, and had no time to hold a meeting, he had told them he would represent them, though he did not claim to be a delegate. He would not vote for Mr. Small-ey.

The chairman then called for names for the reeveship.

Mr. Jamieson said that at the impromptu meeting that they had held in Blake, Mr. W. H. West said that if he was proposed for reeve he would stand. He (Mr. Jamieson) would therefore move that Mr. West be nominated for reeve for the ensuing year, which was seconded by Coun. McKenzie, of Richmond.

As there were no other names put forward & no other business, the chairman dismissed the meeting.

THAT DRY DITCH

To The Editor,
Of The
Gladstone Age.

Sir: I accept Coun. Rhind's explanation re the unbridged slough as correct but not the dry ditch affair. Though 18 feet of water rolled above the ground along which the dry ditch has been dug, is that any reason why public money should be expended in work that does not benefit a present single settler, for the reason there's none there to benefit? In hard times like these only work that can't be done without should be touched and would be if our M.P.W. had no private ends to serve. Disbursing public money for no other reason than to curry favor with those who have not backbone enough to earn their own living as a farming community has to do, may turn out to be a poor and profitless policy for the purpose he has in view.

"Inquisitor".

Palestine,
Dec. 4, 1884.

FOR WHOM IT CONCERNS

Mr. Rose, Postmaster, has handed us the following insertion, to, if possible, catch the eye of the person the letter is for:

On the C.P.R. Line
Dear Sir: Would you please give this letter which I enclose in this to a widow woman that lives about two miles east of Gladstone. She has a barber's chair to sell. I suppose that you will know her. I have made many enquiries about her name but could not find out so I took this way to find out. By giving her the enclosed letter you will oblige,

Yours respectfully,

pursued; (2) Assemble together in ward meetings to find out how far these individual wants chime in with or run counter to what is considered best for the general weal, and let everyone come prepared to add to, or lop off, from his own platform everything except what just fills the bill (occasional differences being allowed scope only so far as they don't threaten to wreck the general interest); (3) Select men to represent you, just as you would a pig, cow, or horse, who, in your idea, possess the qualities that most exactly suit the important and honorable office: honesty, straightforwardness, singleness of aim, business capacity, solvency and consistency, being essential requisites. Proceeding to this grave work in such a business-like way will ensure a council that will command your respect, be of benefit to you, and give the county's standing and influence in the province, that from the advantage it has, it ought to possess and wield.

Any one who shirks this necessary duty is fit only to be a serf, though as long as he is a freeman he cannot free himself from the responsibility attending to the sufficient discharge of this all-important duty.

((Editorial)) . . .

Another Course Nigh Run

We promised a few remarks re our expiring councils which the necessary attention that had to be paid to this burlesque suppers business, has put it out of our power to give till now.

The actions of our town council call certainly for less blame-worthy than praiseworthy comment. Each member has fulfilled the pledge on which he was elected to serve . . . to economize; in fact, the railway coupon and the school accounts would have been greatly the better of a little less faithfulness in husbanding their exertions in the direction of finding ways and means to pay them. Still, the credit belongs to them of having grasped the situation and of having submitted gracefully to the inevitable; for although there's no great merit accruing from consenting to walk in a ditch which no possible wriggling can get one out of, it is a gain to know when not to throw away efforts; and this, the course of the present council, shows they have fully comprehended. The public business of the town being committed from this time out to the care of the same, or similar matter-of-fact businessmen, who have both a stake and a reputation to look after, will rapidly place it on such footing that all that ought to be necessary to assure its prosperity is the lapse of time, and the meaningful & plentiful expenditure of labor and patience.

But we have more concern with the doings of Westbourne council, to which belongs in a degree, though not in every member of it, the demerit of shutting their eyes to the situation this last year. The fact of requiring to submit a by-law to raise \$10,000 to save the credit of the municipality ought to have awakened them to the duty of saving every cent they could, and if that was not reminder enough, the difficulty experienced in carrying it through was additional nudging power that unmistakably showed the drift of the popular feeling in this direction. If the council does not occupy seats at the board to act out the will of the people then what are they there for? The opposite course pursued this year (take note we don't say unanimously agreed on), shows that they have not yet mastered this elemental principle that lies at the root of all representative institutions - government for the people only. Dullards, let alone the sharp men there could have interpreted and would if they fully understood this to be their chief business, the attending and giving effect to the popular will, the temper of the people to mean . . . meet as seldom, do as little, and save as much as you can; and the wisdom of such a policy would have come out just as the folly of the prevailing one is apparent, with the staple wheat at such low figures as are at present obtaining. There is no reason in the talk that, thanks to our gullibility for it would be a misnomer to call it business grasp, since every dollar's worth of property in the county has to pay an ever-increasing yearly amount of mills for railway and other purposes, therefore it was to add another mill to make improvements we can get along without.

Another charge which it is a shame to have to prefer against any members of any council of a province which is the latest outgrowth of the centuries-old representative institutions of the race and therefore should reflect their most perfect freedom, is that there have been members of Westbourne council, who, under the spur of what they owed to the county have concocted & written out motions, which, (tell it not in Gath!) they have sent abegging round the board to obtain movers and seconders for, a further proof, if any such were required, of the baleful almightiness that has hitherto twisted and warped the affairs of this county to suit his own ends.

What else than severe censure do some of them deserve for the barefacedly indecent attempt they make to shelve for good the marsh land business by a spur of the moment resolution? Of all questions this surely deserved least to be so treated by men elected to consult first and foremost the county's interests in the matter. The excuse that in attempting the task they were benevolently trying to cover up a black page from the sensitive sight of the electorate won't avail them much at the bar.

BIRTH: At Gladstone, on the 14th(?) inst., the wife of Mr. J. McDougall, of a son.

DEATH: On the 20th, Nov., of a lingering illness, borne with Christian patience, Margaret Jane, eldest daughter of Rev. Wm. Meldrum; and beloved wife of Rev. J. S. Stewart, of Fort Erie, Ont., and formerly of Gladstone, Man.

NOTICE!

Another, more fully representative meeting of the electors of Westbourne, is hereby called in Andrews' Hall, Gladstone, on Monday, the 23rd inst., at 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of selecting a candidate for reeve; and other business. Half a dozen in the field will spoil our chances for having county affairs run on the economic ticket, and in the interests of the county, which they have never been yet. Any one alive to his own and the county's interests ought to make this a grand rallying time, not only to select a candidate for reeve, but to have a general talk over the affairs of the county, which in their judgment may require readjusting.

(signed)

G. F. Rodgers, Richmond.
D. Kerr, Palestine.
Oliver McCrae, Gladstone.
John Kerr, Golden Stream.

LOCALS

Rev. Mr. Tod, of Burnside, will preach in the Presbyterian church tomorrow.

Rev. F. Jephcott will take for his subject tomorrow evening, "The anxiety of John, the Baptist."

The municipal council of Westbourne meets on Wednesday next 17th inst., in Andrews' Hall, at 2 o'clock p.m., sharp.

Keep in mind the scholars' X-mas tree on Xmas eve, and be making preparations for hanging something for every one of the little ones on it.

Messrs. Paul and McMillan proceeded to Wpg. on Tues. on court business in connection with baggage lost to the latter by railroad companies east some 2 years ago.

Remember! The second of the series of the popular 10c socials in connection with the Presbyterian church, comes off in the Manse next Wed. evening, 17th inst., at 7 o'clock. Don't miss it!

A meeting of the Brandon presbytery of the Presbyterian church was held this week at the Portage. Rev. D. Stalker left by Tuesday's train to attend it; aboard of which was Rev. Mr. Wellwood, of Minnedosa, on the same errand.

The "send-off" party for Mr. J. Hockin, which took place on Monday night at the residence of Mr. Dickie of Blake, was largely attended and a most enjoyable affair. Dancing was kept

up well on into morning hours to the music of Messrs. Gray & Jamieson. At the conclusion Mr. Hockin contributed a few words of farewell.

Mr. Mitchell, C.P.R. grain buyer, will be in Gladstone next week.

Mr. J. Hockin left for England by Tuesday's train. Bon voyage!

There will be a social in connection with the English Church on Monday, Dec. 29th. Full particulars next week.

Lost: a blue silk pocket handkerchief w. white border. Party finding it will oblige by leaving it at this office.

Town Council meets for the despatch of business on Tuesday evening in Andrews' Hall, at 7 p.m.

Who stole the rig the other night away down south and left a gay Lothario to carry home as best he could two belated damsels whom he had been taking out for an airing?

Travellers by rail had better take note of the alteration in the running of trains that came into effect on Monday, the eastern train arriving half an hour and the western an hour later here.

Mr. Bailey's letter, received at 9 o'clock Thursday night, is unavoidably crowded out of this week's issue. It will appear next week with any comments we feel called upon to make on it, for the dose should have time to, between that and this, produce its full effect on us.

With the modesty becoming our position, at the same time being careful not to give the author away, we have to disclaim the paternity of the alphabetical distich that appeared in last week's issue. The Divine "affiatius" that caused it, struck one of the guests at the late much-advertised Brown banquet, but whether in the act of eating or drinking he did not inform us.

The annual meeting of the electoral division Agricultural Society of Westbourne will be held on Mon., 15th inst., in Andrews' Hall, at 1 o'clock p.m. Let there be as full an attendance as possible, as at it, besides winding up the business of the year, the whole work for another year is to be arranged, and the new office-bearers appointed. Let us have a live society and no mis-take about it. Let every farmer try and attend it.

Dr. Ferrier left for New York Thursday in the interests of his profession. May the labor he proposes undergoing there enable him to take higher rank in one of the noblest occupations that any man can fill, that of alleviating pain and preventing its approaches.

The bush all round is being diligently examined by numbers of parties here for timber suitable to make railway ties. That,



SAT., DEC. 13th, 1884:

((Editorial)) . . .

In another column will be found a notice convening a meeting of the whole county to select the best man we have for the office of reeve, and to transact other important business. Will every one that can, try to be at it a week from Monday.

((Editorial)) . . .

We have no wish to dictate to the wards in their choice of councillors, but we throw out this suggestion, which, if it can be acted on without endangering the common interest, is only fair

to the settlers both of Lakeside and Wellington, that one or the other of them be allowed a representative at this year's council board.

((Editorial)) . . .

ELECTORS, ATTENTION!

Is it too much to ask of you to busy your brains from this time until elections are over with what is solely your own business . . . the election of men who will faithfully represent your views and give effect to your wishes at next year's council board? To help you to do this to purpose the following hints are thrown out: (1) Let each person think out the course for his individual wants he deems the best to be



Some "Shots" of the Santa Claus Parade in 1959



taken with the rumor that the M. & N.W. railway has let the contract for supplying 300,000 ties for next season's operations, may make the wood business a little brisker again here.

A meeting of the electors of Golden Stream was held Wed. night in the schoolhouse re election matters. After a good deal of talk an adjournment was made to have a larger expression of the feeling of the ward before the candidate to represent them was decided on, which meeting will be more fully advertised.

Mr. D. McDonald, inspector of the Confederate Life Association of Toronto, has been in town this week pushing business with good results. His company is doing such an interesting business in Manitoba and the Northwest that they have appointed Mayor McDonald, of Portage, their agent. To insure one's life and thereby secure those left behind against the thousand and one mishaps of daily occurrence that thick the thread and stop the breath, is the duty of every one who can command the stamps. An additional inducement held out by a live company such as this appears to be (judging by their names) is the accumulating cash returns from the amount of insurance effected.

Many of the earlier settlers here will read with deeply regretful feelings the notice of the demise of the wife of Rev. J. S. Stewart, a former missionary of this place. Deceased, while here, won the respect of the community at large for the womanly qualities and genuine though unobtrusive Christian character she displayed, and earned the lasting gratitude of many for the zealous, continuous and self-denying exertions she put forth in behalf of the religious education of the young. She has gone to her reward and it ought not to be too much (taking the Master's faithfulness into account) to cherish the anticipation that some of her works here may follow her to add a few jewels to her imperishable crown. ((Readers of the "Glory Years" will note under date of Sept. 24th, 1903, an article headed "A Clever Student" being a reference to a son of the couple mentioned above, who at the time was making quite a name for himself. The date of his birth was given as Dec. 25, 1878; birthplace, Gladstone. Elsewhere it is recorded that Rev. Stewart was a missionary here before that, and had gone back east to be married, returning again to Gladstone with his bride. It will be during the several years that followed that she won the hearts of so many here)).

(Soliloquy a la Cassius): To think that our supper table (generously provided for us) we had completely demolished the effect of all that the "cursed Age" (a la Brown) has contained re drainage mis-doings for the last

6 months, only to find ourselves "teetotally busted" after all on the whole business Oh, we could weep our spirits from our eyes! Where are our daggers to revenge on our naked breasts the indignity too apparently ahead, of having to stoop now to the rabble's way of earning a living — root hog or die — after so much delicate pampering out of government pap bottles, so generously provided these many years without money and only at the expense of our principles! Principles? Echo answers, "Who is libelling now?" Have a care!

Bear hunts (alias pig ones) are a stale sensation in Golden Stream now. The latest novelty is the hunt after wild cats. Tracks that appeared to belong to that member of the feline tribe were noticed by a couple of young fellows going through the woods. They did not like to investigate alone, so scared up another big party next day, which set off fully accoutered with pipes and tobacco, matches, etc., to work up Mr. Lynx. They first tracked up a dead horse, round which his lynxship had been pasturing for a while, and then struck off after it only to find that the footprints belonged to a biped, not even of the feathered tribe. Judge of their sensations! Next!

Mr. Baker informs us that the last of the surveying parties, who have been out so far as Prince Albert, on the hunt for the best route to carry the line to this their, meantime, objective point, are expected in this week. The company has gone to the trouble and expense of making extensive surveys this winter in order to locate the line just where it can tap the most traffic, and, at the same time, be built with a due regard to the pockets of the shareholders. At least 50 miles will be built next season

and probably 100. ((These notes about the progress of the M. & N.W., which Editor Moodie included as his concept of "important matters," are of interest even "100 Years" later.

The Social in connection with the Baptist denomination held at the residence of Mr. Williams on Tuesday evening, was very well attended, the house being filled to overflowing. After refreshments, vocal and instrumental music, games, charades, the buzz of pleasant conversation, agreeably filled in some social hours. In the course of the evening Mayor Claxton presented Rev. Wm. Murdin with \$11.20, the amount realized from the entertainment, who, in thanking his sympathizers for their kindness, expressed the wish that he might be of further use to his Master's cause here. Mrs. Murdin missed the good time, the fulfilling of a prior invitation to spend a few days with some Totogan friends having taken her away earlier in the day.

((For the last month or more the Age has been increased by two to three extra columns of reading matter, such as letters to the editor and other longer articles. All of these cannot be included in these pamphlets, and most especially this issue. There is a long report on the Methodist Tea Meeting; a similar space taken by a Richmond writer on election matters; a short letter from Tupper on roadmaking; and Mr. D. Budge writes endorsing the formation of a Farmers' Union here. All are of interest; and all show that the Moodies tried hard to provide a very informative paper. And all this with the main support of advts. from two stores only: Jas. Doherty's 10" display space and Galloway Bros. with the balance of two full columns - 30")).

ford is now "cock of the walk". For the paltry sum of \$22,000, spent at the will of our supreme ruler, and in the interest of relatives and supporters, without a teneader asked, and his constituents never having been consulted; 52,000 acres of what would have been partly ere this, under proper management, our very best wheat and cattle grounds, have been placed at the absolute disposal of Mr. Sanford, to do with them as he pleases; and that he will suit himself in what he does there's no gainsaying, in spite of the cringing motion carried through the council by the large majority of one, which we would be loath to believe, voiced the peoples' feeling thereanent.

This is representative government w. a vengeance, the cream of the joke being that our member has drawn for years, & may in future, a salary of \$3,000 and "pickings" for doing such work.

Anyway, it's something to have the decks cleared once more for another bout of "plundering" and "blundering".

LOCALS

Xmas services at 11 a.m. in English Church. (Offertory for the day please remember is a present to the minister).

An accident that befell one of forms as we were going to press has delayed this issue. ((What a calamity this could be, especially back w. the old hand-set type)).

Smalley & Chantler are shipping fish by the carload to Chicago.

Remember Monday's meeting for choice of reeve.

Rev. Jephcott's sermon tomorrow evening will be: The Second Coming of Christ."

Rev. Mr. McKellar, of High Bluff, preaches in the Presbyterian church tomorrow.

A Merry Xmas & Happy New Year to all!

Mr. W. Cory has got home from College to spend the Xmas holidays.

Stinging weather! Too cold to snow! We were told it was 36 below zero on Wednesday morning. Ugh!

A supply of APPLES, ORANGES and LEMONS can be had at Mrs. Andrews' Store; also suitable articles for Xmas presents.—Advts.

The Xmas Forest! The Xmas Eve entertainment promises to be a great affair. Parties wishing to hang presents on the forest will please hand them in to the committee who will be at the door (Andrews' Hall) on Wed. afternoon to receive them. Great care should be taken to have the tickets well fastened to the goods. Doors will not be open to the public before 7 p.m. Adm. 25c. Come one! Come all!

We bade Mr. Ross, who has finished his teaching term in Silver Stream, goodbye, Thursday. He has gone to spend Xmas and New Year with old Selkirk friends.

The English Church social comes off on Dec. 29th. They intend having a good programme, with organ and pianoforte recitals, and also good singing, in Andrews' Hall. Tickets, 25c. Be sure to go.

We rectify a misunderstanding we had fallen into re Mr. Nicol's position as candidate for the reeveship. Economy and a western as against an eastern man he informs us are planks in his platform.

The second of the series of Presbyterian socials, which came off at the Manse Wed. night last, was well attended and enjoyed. Games, vocal and instrumental music, and conversation filling in a very agreeable time.

Rev. Mr. Bell, of Portage, lectures Friday evening, 26th inst., in the Presbyterian Church here at halfpast 7 p.m. Subject "Fashions." On account of the lecturer's well-known ability it should be well attended. Collection will be taken.

Dr. Scott, whose card we publish in another column, told us that he had been practising for a considerable time past in Winnipeg, his partner, Dr. Higginson, being well and favorably known throughout the neighborhood. He intends to be in Gladstone by Monday's train.

Mr. F. Blackmore's dance comes off in the new Adelaide schoolhouse (near Shannon's) next Tuesday. Those who purpose going from here can obtain double tickets for 50 cents at either the Queen's or Wilson hotels.

We are in position to state that there won't be any cause for complaint in the stripping of this year's Xmas tree, as a full and efficient committee is in charge of all arrangements. Don't, therefore, forget to hang on it something for every child in town.

The Oddfellows, with their customary spirit, are preparing to give a grant concert on Jan. 7, 1885. One of the novelties is the rendering by a full cast and character, the drama entitled "The Brigands of Calabria." This new departure deserves, and is sure to draw a crowded house. Full particulars in bills by and bye.

TOWN COUNCIL

This council met last Wed. evening in the clerk's office. All present; the Mayor in chair and D. Budge, sec.-treas.

Minutes of last meeting were read and sustained.

The accounts which were published last meeting were passed

by the finance committee.

The by-law to appoint a returning officer, as well as polling place for councillors, at next election was passed.

An account of Thomas Rose of 50c for cleaning crossings, was passed.

Clerk was instructed to see about money in the shape of taxes.

This finished the business and the council of 1884 died accordingly with becoming decorum.

BRANDON PRESBYTERY RECORDS DEATH OF MRS. J. S. STEWART

The Presbytery has learned with deep regret of the death of the wife of the Rev. J. S. Stewart, Fort Erie, Ont., who labored as a missionary for several yrs. within the bounds of the Presbytery. The Presbytery would desire to place on record its appreciation of the good work done by Mrs. Stewart while a resident of the area. Her consistent and unobtrusive piety, her active work in the sabbath school, and among the congregation - proved her to be a true helpmate for a missionary. The Presbytery desires to express its sympathy to Mr. Stewart in his great loss and would pray that God would sustain his servant in his severe bereavement.

FARMERS' UNION MOVEMENT

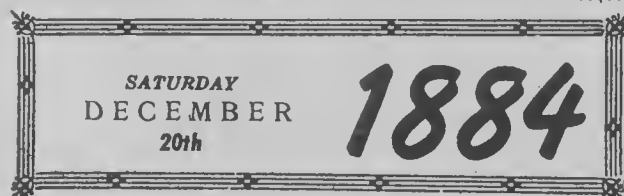
The meeting convened for the purpose of taking into consideration what steps had best be taken by the farmers of the county in their wheat interest, was held immediately after the agricultural society meeting last Monday. It was well attended and gave rise for a very earnest, animated and varied discussion. The speakers were many, and, though their conclusions were somewhat diverse, yet all were agreed in the necessity of something being done to protect and encourage the farmers interests here. After many plans had been successively aired the following motion, moved by Mr. Morton and seconded by Mr. Logie, was the outcome of the deliberations, "That Mr. Budge be appointed to correspond with Mr. Purvis, of the Farmers' Union, as to the advantages that may accrue to the county from forming a branch of the society in it, and that Mr. Purvis be requested to come and address a farmers' meeting here on the subject."

MR. BAILEY'S LETTER

To The Editor,
Of The Gladstone Age.

Dear Sir: On behalf of the citizens and aliens of the town of Gladstone & County of Westbourne, versus the Gladstone Age (Limited).

There was an age of mammals as well as an age of reason and reptiles, then follows Silurian or



SAT., DEC. 20th, 1884:

((Editorial)) . . .

The refrain, "Glory to God in the highest"; on earth peace; good will towards men . . . is now nearly 1884 yrs. old; and though the reality is not yet too recognizable in the pulse beats of the race, still the full thunder of His power is working irresistibly towards it; and they are on the winning side whose exertions, however feeble, are helping it on.

((Editorial)) . . .

Of all times of the year for holding elections, the most diff-

icult appears to be just at the very end. Their turmoil & strife should be over ere then. The dying week should be a peaceable one, allowing scope for reflection and improvement in the indulgence of those thoughts kin to the occasion, that lift the heart and bend the knee, instead of only affording, as things now are, opportunity of general worry all round, during it.

TREASON TO TRUST CONSUMMATED

According to the lawyers' letter a few jewels can now be ordered for the administrative crown of our member. Mr. San-



Miss Helen Broadfoot's Grade One Class of 1956 — Where Are They Now?

(BACK ROW): Miss Helen Broadfoot, teacher; Ronnie Wallis; Allan Austin; Jimmy Hay (or) Larry Pugh; Greg White; Melvin Spence; Jack Corlett; Bing Toy. — (CENTRE ROW): Gwen Winton; Linda Holmes; Nancy Lee Randall; Madeline Richards; Betty Rose Spence; Kristine Sorenson; Marjorie Morrison; Daphne Fehr. (FRONT): Emily Michalski; Peggy McMillan; Barbara Dewar; Jimmy Bartel; Gregory Fehr; Wayne Kerr; Dorothy Dyck; Mary Jahrsdorfer. (It is of interest to note that Bing Toy, then a new arrival from China and a young man, decided that the best way to learn the English language was to attend school, starting in Grade One. He later assumed ownership of the Paris Cafe from his parents; and now it's in the hands of his daughter and her husband). The "old" Andrews Hall has had many proprietors and tenants since it was built back about 1881.

silli-age of the nineteenth century. Why should the good citizens and aliens of this town and county by slandered for having convened peaceably, to pay tribute of respect and appreciation to their Honourable representative, who has served the people of this county acceptably during the past decade? Supper being ended at 10 p.m. the address was then read and responded to by our Hon. member with interest and satisfaction to all present, which reply continued until after twelve o'clock, and was followed by short and pithy speeches by Messrs. Rigby, Rodgers and Bailey, the alien, the latter giving encouraging words to farmers and referred to the resource of the County of Westbourne and the efforts of the Hon. C. P. Brown to whose influence and energy as Minister of Public Works the county had attained to its present developed state in respect of drainage and railway facilities. The above remarks were followed by Mr. Brown during which he fully expounded himself (to the satisfaction of all present) from the base insinuations which designing men, political aspirants and home pedagogue journalists had charged him with in relation to the giving away of the marsh lands. After which explanations, Mr. Bailey moved and Mr. Gallo-way seconded the resolution which was ratified by all present. Those men were not drunk-en as has been stated it being only the second hour of the day and only the second toast of the occasion had been made hence the mover could not have had four men's whiskey in him at the time. Had the "Age" or its representative been present on the occasion referred to, instead of concealing itself with others of its friends, and instead of judging us by its own past experience and appetite, it would have published a different report of said meeting. We knew the said resolution adopted at the meeting would make the "Age" mad, and as the people of "political stripe and status" as well as the alms were not converted as he supposed, as they had long since lost all faith in petti-het-doxical or dog-mat-i-cal sheet, which being supported and fostered by the people of Gladstone and its vicinity, had never in one instance done or said anything in the interest of said town or county since the beginning of its existence. Better be an alien in a foreign country than a traitor to one's own country, and its local interests, by the disparaging of emigration and the settlement of our marsh lands. If the "Age" or its representative has political stake and status in this country then those words mean something else besides political honor, patriotism and wealth. We did not prosecute for civil damages as an abstract of title indicated a bad judgment, hence we were compelled to have recourse to the columns of the "Age" to redeem their would-be

ruin of our character and reputation. As our Saviour came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance (although where little is given little is expected) yet we would call upon the "Age" to repent, lest we should have the painful mission of leaving our peaceful abode and apply the cooling drop of water to our adversary's parched tongue, who might be lifting up his eyes in a warmer place than Abraham's bosom. The people request that in future the "Age" would exercise its preaching and journalistic talents in the interests of the county instead of opposing public improvements and dissuading emigration, as it has hitherto done, and criticize resolutions and political motives, instead of attacking individual character, & we will bid it "God Speed."

Yours truly,
W. S. B.

((Mr. Bailey, alongwith C. P. Brown and Mr. Lockhart opened the first bank here after he arrived in Gladstone about 1880. The Lockhart family left in 1884 probably after the partnership had been dissolved. He charged his exorbitant interest rates for a time from an office in the Andrews building (the present Par- is Cafe), but later in Apr. '89 moved in a building on to the then-vacant lots where the hotel and Macleod's, etc., are now located. In 1896 he built the Bailey block (now Fraser's). In Oct. '99 he sold his business to the Merchants bank, renting the front portion of the building to the same. Never having married this latest transaction left him free to enjoy some worldly travels which he delighted to write up extensively for the "Age". In later years he suffered severely from arthritis, living alone, except for housekeepers until his death)).

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

To The Editor
Of The
Gladstone Age.

Dear Sir: I see in your last Age of a meeting of delegates representing the different wards. While not taking the opinions expressed by that meeting as the general opinion of the ratepayers, still, I think that the voice of the people will be with them.

Coun. West was nominated & unanimously chosen as the man to represent them as reeve, and I think, Sir, the people could not choose a better man. Why I am advocating him for the reeveship is as follows: He has represented one of the wards in the council chamber for the past two years and being elected each yr. with a large majority (considering the number of votes polled), which shows the ratepayers hold a high opinion of their councillor.

Now, Sir, let us look at a record of his work. His first year was one of rigid perseverance on the side of economy, and the mon-

ey he expended was done judiciously and carefully while his second year was one of special note. Early after the new council met they thought it wise to raise \$10,000 by debentures to meet debts already due. This was the purpose but it was not to be submitted to the people in this light but for the purpose of having money on hand. Who was the originator of this scheme but our present reeve and co-operator, Coun. Rhind. Coun. West thought this matter over and came to the conclusion that it wasn't an honorable way of obtaining money. He at once notified the reeve (for the purpose of changing the by-law) to call a meeting but that omnipotent personage treated this notice with contempt.

Coun. West then called a meeting of some of the councillors & through them a meeting was held which was the cause of the new by-law being framed in an honorable and straightforward manner. This action caused that learned little reeve to issue a notice in which he himself acknowledged the proceedings of the council not altogether straight, at the same time blaming Coun. West for voting first for it at the first sitting. But, Sir, we must not blame him for when he found out he had done wrong he fought hard to have it righted, which shows his sagacity and honesty.

His next proceeding was one deserving of all praise when he brought in a motion to have no ward appropriation money expended. This occasion, Sir, you will remember as it called forth an editorial from you denouncing his actions in which you stated it was retarding progress. I, myself, witnessed the contempt it called from the majority of the councillors. The sentiments expressed by our worthy reeve and co-operator, Coun. Rhind, were very expressive and emphatic, denouncing Coun. West's motion with ridicule and in the words of the great Lord Beaconsfield "You are a fool and a fanatic." Coun. West could not get all his own way but he modified their high and expensive ideas considerably.

These actions show Coun. West to be a man of integrity, one that when he finds a thing to be right will carry it through. In choosing Coun. West we have his past actions to look at; in nominating a stranger we might fare worse (if it is possible, is questionable) than our present representative had.

Whoever the man may be, let his platform be one of strict economy, and what I would advise as retrenchment, viz.,

1. That the pay of all official officers be reduced.
2. That no ward appropriation moneys be expended at all, letting all repairs be done by road work.
3. That the meetings of council be quarterly.

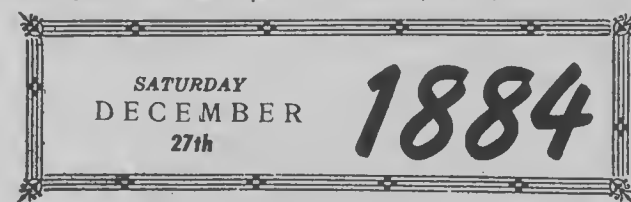
Those I think are some of the

most important items. Let us just take a glance at the salaries of some of the officers from last year's auditor's report. The reeve receives \$450. Why this should be I cannot comprehend as his duties are no more than the ordinary councillors. Coun. West heads the auditor's report with \$68.; Drummond, \$52; Ferguson \$47.50; Morrison, \$47.60; Rhind, \$60.40; Herron, \$75. These items of pay seem to me to be preposterous. It's too much oil to run a one-horse machine. I have no wonder there is competition for these positions. These expenses

must come down and live according to the times, and let every ward send men pledged to advocate the reduction of these notoriously high salaries. Men who enter the council with this intention will be men of the right stamp, and not until we get this class of men there, can we expect to get rid of corrupt policy.

Hoping you will excuse us for this trespass on your space, I remain,

Yours truly,
FAIR PLAY.
Richmond, Dec. 9, 1884.



SAT., DEC. 27th, 1884:

ELECTION CARD

Having been nominated by the large representative meeting of last Monday as candidate for the reeveship I beg respectfully to accept same.

If elected to fill this onerous and honorable office my endeavor will always be to act for the best interests of the county, and I will strenuously advocate economic measures, believing such to be what is particularly required in our present circumstances.

I shall always act for the people and not as agent of any clique, ring or individual.

What I do shall be on my own responsibility, for I do not intend to condescend to be a mere machine, moved at the dictates of any other individual.

W. H. West,
Blake, Dec. 25, 1884.

((Editorial)) . . .

The tender care exercised by our local lawgivers over the thinking powers of the people so as to prevent them being strained in thinking out their own business, is well evinced by the clause in the new statute which provides that the dying councils shall appoint the pay to be given to their successors in office, the peoples' part being only to pay it when due. Great consideration, this!

((Editorial)) . . .

No weightier sentiment (and quite a few were uttered) was given expression to at last Monday's meeting than that by Coun. Morrison when he said that it was a shame for each dollar's worth of property in the county to have to pay 1½ mills for Judicial Board expenses when even go-ahead men amongst us are beginning to consider the outlay of 1 mill on the dollar for general improvements. . . ((a line is missing)) . . . receiving for this

outlay? Nothing proportionate, not even one cared for it. This is too much to pay for the ornamental part of Justice, that being the only part we share in yet. This term is not too extravagant when we consider that the chairman of the board receives \$500 for occupying the chair; that each member receives \$5 and his mileage for each day's expenses; and that an assessment commissioner draws \$10 a day and his expenses for doing what each assessor by a few simple directions (emanating from the executive) could have saved. Would it not be time enough to pay such fancy prices for such work when we had arrived at that stage in our existence that called for it and which we could then afford?

((Editorial)) . . .

TO OUR READERS

With the beginning of the year we purpose doing what we have been long meditating, viz., reducing the size of our sheet, and of course, its price, and advertising rates.

The chief reason for this step is, that we consider the present dull times opportune for working off the large supply of newspaper paper which we laid in at our start, but which we have been forced to carry over for eighteen months as dead stock.

We would have much preferred issuing our whole sheet as at the first but even our detractors will acquit us of the lunacy involved in attempting to run a 28-column paper with a little over two columns of advertisements. We have made, and make no complaints, as to the slenderness of the advertising patronage. We can only wish that we merited more.

The change in size will, when we get it started, (which will be in a week or two) entail a little more work, which we are good for. Even this may be a step forward. For more than a year and a half we have run our "rag"

with the aid of a patent sheet, the first time ever with that help in the history of the county. The thing has been done. Let us hope that the smaller sheet (all printed here) as county & town-advance, may even have to give place to a larger one, and that whether in our hands or those of abler men, the path of Gladstone journalism may be, like that of the just, on a continually broadening page, until the perfect day breaks over the world, when it as well as every other sublimity aid to human progress is to be supposed will have become an effete institution.

((Editorial)) . . .

An economic wave appears to be sweeping over the province. From one end of it to the other the cry for retrenchment in the cost of self-government is making itself heard, and it is time. We said long ago and can only repeat it, that it appears to be the height of absurdity, the saddling of a 12-year-old province with all the municipal and judicial machinery that 100-year-old provinces find it hard enough work to stagger under. What equivalent are the capable(?) executive heads expected to give for thousands of dollars they annually pocket as salary, if it is not to be perfecting more and more the solution of the problem—how to most cheaply and efficiently run provincial affairs? Hitherto their attempts in that line have mostly taken the shape of plagiarising the institutions of older provinces and hocusing them on our young limbs with free and easy inattention of our defiance of the misfit. If that is the best they can do, would it not be cheaper to hire a copyist who could do similar work for not many more hundreds than one of them is drawing thousands for? As long as the people are satisfied with the "playing" at legislation that yearly takes place as each session comes round so long will they be required to pay the piper. How can it be otherwise when schemers, speculators, lawyers, doctors & merchants are the men elected to look after the wants of our prairie province? Not until the large majority of the men having a seat in our local house are men identified with the soil can we expect to have our legislation assume that slow-going, safe and practical character that will prevent the chief business of each session apparently being, the expunging from the statute book of what had been placed on it the preceding.

((Editorial)) . . .

NOMINATION DAY

Judging by the largeness of last Monday's meeting and the interest taken, it would be a waste of ink to urge upon the electors the duty of making next Tuesday a grand rallying day. This they are going to do without being asked. But what we would like to urge upon every



Pupils of Silver Stream School of Some 40 Years Ago

THIS "SNAP" IS NICE TO HAVE. It's of the kind that depicts youngsters in "the raw" - just the way they were back in the times that were not so good - when a picnic, etc., was not just another day, but something to be looked forward to with eagerness for days in advance. This one shows some of the pupils of Silver Stream School, with younger sisters and brothers - about 1942. One of the "toddlers" can't recall the event but thinks it might be the day set aside by the school each year for a "Spring Clean-Up" of the grounds, when parents joined with the kids. Once the work was done a ball game and other sports were enjoyed. So it was a picnic of sorts. — This is our first attempt to use "numbers" in identification. Hope it works out O.K. — (1) Alan Boczonadi; (2) Les Boczonadi; (3) Marion Rusk; (4) Marjorie Arthur; (5) Donna Armstrong; (6) Bill Moger; (7) Caroline Morwick; (8) Wayne Heasman; (9) Helen Moger; (10) Lenora Downey; (11) Frances Short(?); (12) Jean Rusk; (13) Garth Peter; (14) Vivian Downey; (15) Velma Arthur; (16) Robt. Peter; (17) Margaret Blanchard; (18) Betty Peter; (19) George Peter; (20) Jim Short; (21) Marvin Downey. — A number of the above appear in the 1944 School Picture in "Down Thro' the Years." (With thanks to Mrs. Marland Stewart whose small negative (only 1" x 1½" of which made this acceptable 8 x 10).

one intending to be present in town on nomination day is for them to bring their sharpest wits along. Municipal business is the most important that can be attended to for the next week and a half, and it ought to be allowed to over-ride all other work, inasmuch as the 50 odd weeks of the year can . . . (line missing)) opportunity of giving necessary to the former is let slip for the next few days, one has no chance of making his influence felt in either council for the next year. He is too busy or too selfish a msn to be worth much to the community who cannot free himself from other cares to act his part in the important duty of hearing the councillors rehearsing their past doings, and explain the course that appears best to follow in the future, or who cannot mingle his own ideas with the general run, in order to ascertain what men to vote for and what policy to pursue to chase away dull and restore busy times.

Let every one come with his head on his shoulders to listen to and be guided by sound reason and not clap-trap; and the united voices of the sensible people of the county is bound to place in power officers that will honor the positions, and at the same time will be of service in furthering the interests of town and county.

Nomination for town councillors takes place in Andrews' Hall and for county councillors in the schoolhouse.

LOCALS

Hsppy New Year!

When the thermometer gets down to 48 it is serious work living.

A little more snow and a little less cold would be an agreeable change.

Our deer stalkers returned home on Xmas day, having had no sport.

Mr. Bruce, of the M. & N. W. purposes taking a trip home to Irelands shortly.

R. Galloway & Bro. are paying 5¼ cents per lb. Cash; or 5½ trade, for fresh pork. —Adv.

Rev. F. Jephcott tomorrow evening will preach from the text, "The sea giving up its dead."

Much needed snow began to fall during Thursday night, but we have not nearly enough yet.

The annual congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church will be held in the church on New Year's day at 3 o'clock.

We hear some talk of an earnest effort about to be put forth by our young people to start the Literary Society. Dol

Rehearsals for the Oddfellows' concert, which promises to be un-

usually good, are in progress.

Messrs. Bruce, McLaren and Boulbee started last Saturday south on a deer hunting expedition. We wish them success.

Remember the English church concert and social in Andrews' Hall on Monday evening for the building fund. See posters.

A child of Mr. W. Watson's up north was very badly scalded the other day, a kettle of boiling water falling on head and face.

Thursday's train spent Xmas day at Minnedosa, arriving here on its way east at midnight. Reason for its lateness, No. 3 engine is badly demoralized.

Sun dogs, don't be so indiscreet as to "bay" Old Sol as you did last Saturday, for he made us, for these few days past, wonder whether or not he had poised us on the North Pole, only to be found by some Arctic explorer in some future epoch of the world's age as the fossilized remains of some antedeluvian, prehistoric or chaotic race of —.

Bring in your fresh pork to Galloway's when you will get the highest market price in cash. —Adv.

The McGregor settlement Xmas tree social and concert in aid of the Sunday School fund, to be held in the schoolhouse, has been postponed to Friday 2d Jan. 1885 so as not to clash with the Church of England one on Monday evening. Refreshments will be served between 6 and 7 p.m.

That the heavens are telling the glory of God was shown on Xmas eve by a large halo or corona round the moon with a moon dog on either side, while across the face of the moon and depending from its centre appeared a fleeciness which took the form of a cross, while the rest of the sky was lit up with a brilliancy ss of day . . .

The following psragraph doubly out of season now, was meant for a previous issue but inadvertently omitted. It is only inserted now to keep accounts square, it being the end of the year. — We found the other day that our genial and energetic rly. superintendent had a rather long memory. We hadn't spoken with him for a couple of months when in course of conversation held (now 4 weeks ago) he collared us for an item that had appeared in the fall, attributing a prairie fire that occurred a few miles east to the want of spark arrestors on the company's engines. While contesting neither to the fact of the fire or its probable cause, he assured us that profiting by experience acquired in the east, he had been careful to secure for their engines the safest wire netting he could obtain.

BIRTH

In Gladstone, on the 19th inst., the wife of Mr. W. McKelvy, of a son.

BIRTH

In McGregor Township, on the 8th inst., the wife of Mr. W. Chandler, of a daughter.

XMAS DOINGS

The service in the Church of England in the forenoon was fairly attended.

Mr. Wilson, of the Wilson Hotel, had his usual shooting match, which drew a large number to tske part in or witness the sport, turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens being the prizes competed for.

Sleigh rides were indulged in largely in the warmer afternoon hours; and festive gatherings ss the shades of night drew on, appropriately filled in the bill of the day's doings.

CHILDREN'S XMAS TREE

This entertainment came off in Andrews' Hall on Xmas Eve, with a bumper house and every one in hearty sympathy with the efforts successfully put forth by the children to amuse the audience. It was really a children's entertainment, with the exception of Mr. Best, who deserves due praise for the manner in which he drilled them for their varied parts, no one but they had any part in the exhibition.

The mottoes over the platform were witness to the artistic skill of the Gladstone ladies.

Mr. M. Neville, with his boy and girl, gave a selection on their brass instruments. The little girl can play it well, too, we are told.

The children were neatly and tastefully dressed, the women folk evidently vying with each other in trying to deck their little ones in the nobbiest way possible.

Little Jamie McBride opened the proceedings with a short speech saying that they would do their best to entertain their elders, which wss very well delivered.

The programme was a very varied one and brought out the capabilities of the little folks to play their parts. To mention any would be invidious, as all the programme wss well sustained throughout. The singing was well done, the acting good and the farces got sll the encouragement needed from the laughter of the audience.

At the end of the programme the tree was uncovered, displaying its strstctions to the admiring glances of the little ones, which were quickly distributed by a competent organization to the recipients. some of the older folk coming for their share of gifts, both necessary and amusing.

MONDAY'S MEETING

One of the largest representative gatherings that has ever

convened in Gladstone on municipal business, assembled last Monday afternoon in Andrews' Hall for the purpose of selecting a fit and proper person to occupy the reeve's chair in Westbourne municipality for the coming year. Mayor Claxton was called to the chair and P. H. Moodie appointed secretary.

A resolution at the outset, pledging the meeting to support the candidate who had most votes was very properly negatived.

The following parties were then proposed:

A. Nicol, by Messrs. A. McDonald and H. Pool.

W. H. West, by J. Blackstock and J. Andrews.

David Kerr, by Mr. Newman and D. Cameron.

A. E. Smalley, by J. L. Logie and J. Herron.

D. Budge, by W. McKelvy and G. McCrae.

On a vote being taken Messrs. Nicol and West had the majority, five voting for Mr. Nicol and 20 for Mr. West.

Narrowing the vote then down to those two, the vote for Mr. West was 24 and for Mr. Nicol 7. Mr. West was therefore declared the nominee. On being csllsd forwsrd, Coun. West, while thanking the electors for the confidence reposed in him by nominating him for this proud position, asked ss a favor that he be allowed to withhold what he had to say till next Tuesday, when, alongwith his colleagues in last year's council, he would be ready to give an account of his stewardship.

This finishing the chief business that had called the meeting together, Mayor Claxton vacated the chair and Mr. Andrews was csllsd to fill it to discuss the present situation and the steps necessary to be taken to tide over dull & restore prosperous times. The speakers were almost legion, and whether speaking on the offensive or defensive, the changes were pretty well all rung on the keynote "economy." There were not wanting msny good-humored drives and retorts, which both constituted some good seasoning, at the same time that they dissipated a little of the gloom necessarily hsnsging over dull times. Only one offensive epithet was made use of in the long and animated discussion, which it is to be hoped the party using it will have the good sense to publicly withdraw at the earliest opportunity. Much blame was properly laid on the expensive legislation with which the government and parliament are continually burdening the shoulders of the people, Coun. Morrison well saying that it was preposterous to have to pay 1½ mills on the dollar for judicial board expenses when our circumstances compelled us to cry out against and withhold the ex-

pending of 1 mill on the dollar on internal improvements.

The following motion was the unanimous finding of the meeting anent the Judicial Board business. That we desire to strengthen the hands of the municipal council in petitioning the government to do away with the present system of Judicial Boards, & to substitute some less costly

Let's Not Forget the Debt We Owe the Moodies

All those interested in Gladstone's early history owe much to the Moodies - printer John & Editor Peter. Both were extremely well adapted to their respective duties. We have alluded several times to the almost error-free papers turned out by the younger brother John (age 44); & msny times to the amazing vocabulary of Peter (46). He must have been a brilliant student at college before ill-health forced him to give up his studies for the ministry, in sersch of better health in Canada. Some vicious stories have been bsndld down the years, almost all regarding their simple fare of "oatmeal porridge three times a day" because of their penny-pinching ways. Both were bachelors all their days, and both were farmers all their years in Gladstone. Their efforts in the "Age" were extra, and extremely time consuming. And not at all financially rewarding. The word spread around st the time that the reason most of the advertising support was withdrawn because the publication was harmful to the progress of the county, can be looked upon with some sceptism. More likely it was the hard times that prevailed all over the province, but was multiplied locally by the the very wet years of '80 & '81 plus the boom and bust period that hit just sfter assuming a big railway debt in 1882. Taxstion soared, prices of farm produce plummeted, and there was disaster everywhere. When taxes fell into arrears the municipality was forced to borrow \$10,000 just to pay the schools, etc. - one thing the town was unable to do. Moodie must have been about the first to see, and to endeavour to avert, approaching disaster. His pleas for quick "retrenchant" and changes in govt. policies re taxation, etc., were ansthem to the "fast-buck" boys that rode on the coat-tails of Hon. C. P. Brown. Politics came into the picture and the opposition Liberals, headed by Moodie, were hooted down as being sore-headed penny pinchers. But before 1884 wss out there were indications that the "Age" was right, and even worse times appeared certain. And they did. It wasn't many months before the town went broke, and floundered for several years before picking up the pieces as best it could and struggle back to some degree of respectability, but only at the expense of losing for some 20 yrs. time all rights to borrow

machinery which will answer all the purposes intended.

The feeling of the large majority, if not all those present at the meeting, seemed to be that the discussion had been well timed and profitable, and had paved the way for some more practical experssion of the wish and will of the people at next Tuesday's nomination.

money without govt. permission. And thus, the so-called miserly Moodies struggled along in their self-appointed tssk of publishing a paper for another five yrs. with little or no help from the merchants of the town. Only Galloway Bros. stayed with them to the last, alongwith some support from that supposedly-miserly merchant, Jim Doherty, and a few others. What a debt we all owe them for the history they so dutifully recorded. Perhaps it would have been much better history to read had their warnings been heeded.



REV. WM. KINLEY

An even less flattering picture of Rev. Kinley was used to front the 1912 Supplement to "Down Through the Ages." This one probably depicts him more like he would have appeared on his arrival in Gladstone in 1884.



The "Reliables" of the Presbyterian Church Sunday School — 70 Years Ago

HERE'S A PICTURE that's been available for some time but lacked identification. It's from the collection treasured by the late Irwin Schooley. Ferne (Mrs. Schooley) finally was contacted at Third Crossing Manor, and though she was of a younger set and had moved to town only a couple of years before the picture was taken, she made a fair stab at putting names to most of the faces. The young ladies are: Irene Schooley; Minnie Clayton; Annie McEachern; Pearl Phillips; Jessie Kerr; Grace Jamieson; Lizzie McBain; Florence Milne; Margaret McGregor; ———; Eva Ferguson; Mary Wilson ———; Margaret McCann; Myrtle McConnell. It was even more difficult identifying some of the young men. Seated: Frank Elliott; ———; Wilf McGregor; ———; ———. Down below are Campbell Broadfoot; Eddie Kennedy; Irwin Schooley and Bob Broadfoot. — Mrs. F. W. Crossley was teacher and founder of the "Reliables" and thus christened them; but it is not known if it is her or a later teacher that is standing to the rear of the group. — The banner proudly held by Wilf et al "Reliables - 1914" provides helpful authenticity. — Also, it would be nice to have identification of the building shown at the left. It appears to be close to the location of the old Logie store. (And by the way, our Wilf becomes a nonagenarian on Dec. 1st of this year, 1984).